

Coalition To Save Rent Control

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- 1) All 3, 2 and 1 family buildings - whether the landlord lives there or not - would be exempt from rent control. Landlords in these buildings could raise the rent as high as they want. If the landlords succeed in eliminating rent control in these buildings now, they will probably try to get rid of rent control in other buildings later.
- 2) Allowing landlords to pass sewer costs on to tenants. The 6% increase yearly is supposed to cover increases like this.
- 3) Allowing landlords to break the law by overcharging tenants but if they are caught, only being required to pay back part of the overcharge, instead of the whole thing.

These changes, and others, may be discussed at the August City Council meeting, **Wednesday, August 10, at 1:00 P.M.** If they do come up, tenants must be there to say **NO!**

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Meanwhile, we have been very active and successful with outreach. This month we have spoken with 100 shop stewards from International Ladies Garment Workers Union, with community aides and clerical personnel from Title I programs in schools all over the City, and with the directors of all the United Community Corporation centers. Everywhere we go, people are interested, because they cannot afford rents rising sky high. We plan to continue outreach to groups this summer. We plan to have a group marching in the Puerto Rican Day Parade on July 31.

Our next meeting is **Saturday, July 23, 10:00 A.M. at the office of the Newark Coalition for Neighborhoods, 38 1/2 Walnut St.** Get involved! We've got to show City Council members that tenants are aware of what's happening and will say **NO** to rising rents. We did it before to get a rent control law. Now let's fight to make it strong!

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